

# CONSOLIDATED PLAN ADVISORY BOARD NOTES FOR MEETING

# WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2014

Joyce Abrams, Council District 1 representative	
<ul> <li>Maruta Gardner, Council District 2 representative</li> <li>Vicki Granowitz, Council District 3 representative</li> <li>Ken Malbrough, Council District 4 representative</li> <li>Earl Wong, Council District 6 representative</li> <li>Richard Thesing, Council District 7 representative</li> <li>Aaron Friberg, Council District 8 representative</li> <li>Nohelia Patel, Council District 9 representative</li> </ul>	

STAFF PRESENT	ATTENDANCE SHEET
<ul> <li>Sima Thakkar, HUD Programs Manager</li> <li>Eliana Barreiros, CDBG Policy Coordinator</li> <li>Lydia Moreno, Interim Deputy Director</li> <li>Michele (St. Bernard) Marano, Fair Housing and Special Programs Coordinator</li> <li>Leo Alarcon, CDBG Project Manager</li> <li>Lydia Goularte, CDBG Fiscal Unit Project Manager</li> <li>Kimberly Vance, HUD Fiscal Compliance Analyst</li> <li>Daichi Pantaleon, Assistant Project Manager, Fair Housing and Special Programs</li> </ul>	48 people signed the attendance sheet

# Call to Order

• Vicki Granowitz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with eight Board members present. Quorum was achieved at the same time.

# **Approval of Minutes**

- Ms. Granowitz motioned to have the minutes approved from the February 2014 meeting.
  - o Mr. Malbrough motioned to approve minutes, Ms. Abrams seconded the motion. Minutes were then approved unanimously, 8-0.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Mr. Michael Reid, Deputy City Attorney, was introduced. Mr. Reid is a new member of the Economic Development Section of the City Attorney's Office.
- Daichi Pantaleon was also introduced as the newest staff member to join the HUD Programs Administration Office. Ms. Pantaleon, Assistant Project Manager, will be working on the Fair Housing Program and other projects.

#### **Board Announcements**

N/A

# Non-Agenda and Agenda Public Comment

N/A

### Agenda Item(s)

Item 6a:

**FY 2015 CDBG Applications (Action Item):** Approval of the Board's prioritized lists of projects (rankings/scores) to be considered by the City Council for funding with the City's CDBG Fiscal Year 2015 allocation and for incorporation of said projects into the City's Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Action

- Ms. Eliana Barreiros, CDBG Policy Coordinator, provided a brief overview about the FY 2015 CDBG application process. Presentation is attached.
  - Ms. Granowitz commented about the very limited amount of funds that could be allocated to public service projects through the application process given the \$1,318,078 set aside to cover homeless programs in accordance with the City Council Resolution 307071 ratified in October of 2012.
  - Ms. Granowitz also noted CPAB members spent a great deal of time reviewing the applications.
  - o Mr. Varnadore noted his support for the Colima Park Project in City Heights.
  - Mr. Ben Avey, with Family Health Centers, thanked the Board for their time in reviewing the applications and noted his support for the Board rankings/scores of the applications submitted.

- Ms. Michele Montes and Ms. Heather Arculeo, with Christie's Place, spoke about the positive impact to the community realized by the services provided by Christie's Place.
- Ms. Susan Hall, with Angel's Depot, noted her appreciation for the work and the time devoted to the allocation process by CPAB members and City staff. Ms. Hall noted her support for the Board rankings/scores of the applications submitted.
- Ms. Krista Stellmacher, with Community Housing Works, noted her appreciation for the continued improvements being made to the application and allocation process by CPAB members and City staff.
- Mr. Malbrough noted that there were many outstanding proposals but the lack of funding limited how many projects would be approved. Mr. Malbrough also stated that he pleased the Safe Way San Diego project was one of those identified as prioritized for funding but that the County of San Diego should fund similar programs.
- Mr. Thesing stated his appreciation for the support and guidance given to the Board during the process. Mr. Thesing also mentioned that some agencies could have scored better but their applications needed more information about the projects proposed.
- Mr. Wong complemented the applicants in taking the time completing the applications in order to fund worthy projects.
- Mr. Friberg noted the process has been evolving and improving based on his experience.
- Ms. Granowitz made a motion to forward the City Council the prioritized lists (scores and rankings) of the (1) Public Services projects; and, (2) Community Economic and Capital Improvement projects as the Board's recommendation in descending order for CDBG funding Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Thesing seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

### Item 6b:

### FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) Update

Ms. Vicki Joes, with LeSar Development Consultants, gave an overview of the Draft Consolidated Plan. She noted the Draft Con Plan would be presented to the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods City Council Committee for their consideration during their next meeting. The presentation given by LeSar, which follows, has been updated to note that in the draft Con Plan, staff proposes 60% of the funds allocated to Community Economic and Capital Improvement be used for City infrastructure projects and 40% used to fund improvements in facilities owned/leased by the non-profit community. During this CPAB meeting the 60/40 divide was presented as 40% allocated to City projects and 60% reserved for non-profit facilities. The presentation shows the updated information.

Mr. Friberg noted he was unsure about how the 60/40 division was determined. Ms.
 Sima Thakkar, HUD Programs Administrator, stated that the budget would be for FY 16-

- 19. Mr. Friberg asked if the guidance was from City Council. Ms. Thakkar stated it was based on input provided during the Con Plan outreach process from the public, Independent Budget Analyst Report (No. 14-03) and City Council priorities.
- Ms. Granowitz stated it is important to dedicate some CDBG monies to fund City infrastructure improvement projects.
- Ms. Joes stated that comparable cities allocate a higher percentage of CDBG funds to public infrastructure projects.
- Mr. Malbrough stated the importance of working with the City's <u>Capital Improvements</u> <u>Program Review and Advisory Committee (CIPRAC)</u>.
- Ms. Granowitz requested the board be provided information on CIPRAC and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas, NRSAs. (Staff note: NRSAs were discussed at the Committee on Public Safety & Livable Neighborhood City Council Committee on October 24, 2012 –see agenda. The agenda provides hyperlink access to the staff report presented to the committee).
- Ms. Patel asked if research has been done in identifying areas in San Diego that are lacking in adequate infrastructure. Ms. Thakkar stated that the CIPRAC is currently identifying sidewalk improvement areas.
- Mr. Friberg asked for further information about the CPAB relationship with CIPRAC. He
  asked whether CIPRAC would determine how CDBG funds were spent and/or whether
  CPAB would still be involved in the decision making process. Ms. Thakkar stated that
  staff has yet to determine how the process would work but that the CPAB would
  continue to participate given their purview.

# **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.